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Dear Mr. Local Official:

I am writing to let you know about the Excellence in Economic Development Awards 2006. As a leader who is creating an environment that fosters economic development in your community, I think you will find this information of interest.

I recently received a letter from the Economic Development Administration on awards that will be given in numerous categories to communities who have found creative and effective ways to promote economic growth. This forum will recognize communities throughout the country with the Excellence in Economic Development Awards 2006. Categories include:

- Excellence in Urban or Suburban Economic Development
- Excellence in Rural Economic Development
- Excellence in Enhancing Regional Competitiveness
- Excellence in Economic Adjustment Strategies
- Excellence in Technology-lead Economic Development
- Excellence in Community and Faith-based Social Entrepreneurship
- Excellence in Innovation

The enclosed information provides greater detail about the process. Nomination forms must be received by the EDA by April 3, 2006. You can also visit www.eda.gov for additional information. An independent panel of economic development practitioners, academics and government representatives will judge these applications and make the award selections in May.

If you have any questions or are in need of assistance please feel free to contact Sarah Davasher or Kevin Modlin in my office.

Sincerely,

RON LEWIS
Member of Congress

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